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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1192 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1192 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/20/10.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 27-36, renumbered as 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: ____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claim:

Claim 33 (original number), line 4, "(l-1(th" has been corrected to read as ---(l-1)th---.

In the Drawing:

The following changes to the drawings have been made by examiner:

The subtraction unit 42 shown in figure 4 has been amended to read as---subtraction unit 41---.

The W buffer 42 shown in figure 4 has been amended o read as---W buffer 41---.

The above Examiner Amendment to the drawing was made to correct the numbers representing "the subtraction unit and W buffer" to correspond to that of the specification disclosed in pages 15-18 describing figure 4.

In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Remarks:

2. The above Examiner's Amendment was made to correct the minor typographical error in claim 33 and the numbers representing the subtractor and buffer in figure 4 to correspond to that in the specification.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The Information Disclosure Statement (IDSs) submitted on 10/20/10 and 9/21/07 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

4. As to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) received on 9/21/07 has been considered no because Applicant indicated in his remarks that the cited Chinese patents are equivalent to the US patent number cited in the same IDS received on 9/21/07 .

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claimed subject matter in claims 27-36 are allowable¹ because the arts of record fail to teach or fairly suggest the claimed as shown and disclosed in figures 4 and 11 respectively to the claims encoding and decoding:

- a. "A method for coding a quantization matrix in which each component takes a value ranging from 1 to 255, said method comprising in combinations

¹ The test whether the claimed subject matter in claims 27-36 is statutory or non-statutory is based on at least the claims require an encoder and decoder for encoding and decoding the quantization metrics and shown in figures 4 and 11 respectively for the encoder and decoder; the encoder and decoder impose a

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with: calculating a difference value between a value of an I-th component and a value of an (I-1)th component in the quantization matrix; determining an offset value as +256 when the difference value is smaller than -128; determining the offset value as -256 when the difference value is equal to or greater than +128; adding a determined offset value and the difference value; and coding a result of said adding,” as in claim 27.

b. “A method for decoding a coded quantization matrix, said method comprising in combinations with:

decoding a coded stream into a difference value ranging from -128 to +127; adding together a value of an (I-1)th component in the quantization matrix, the difference value, and 256; and

calculating a remainder by dividing the result of said adding by 2 raised to 8-th power to obtain the value of an I-th component.

c. “ A coding apparatus which codes a quantization matrix in which each component takes a value ranging from 1 to 255, said apparatus comprising in combinations with: a subtraction unit operable to calculate a difference value between a value of an I-th component and a value of an (I-1)th component in the quantization matrix; an offset value determination unit operable to determine an offset value as +256

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when the difference value is smaller than -128, and to determine the offset value as -256 when the difference value is equal to or greater than +128; an addition unit operable to add the offset value and the difference value; and a coding unit operable to code a result of said adding,” as in claim 33.

d. “An apparatus for decoding a coded quantization matrix, said apparatus comprising in combinations with: a decoding unit operable to decode a coded stream into a difference value ranging from -128 to +127; an addition unit operable to add together a value of an (I-1)th component in the quantization matrix, the difference value, and 256; and a calculation unit operable to calculate a remainder by dividing a result of said adding by 2 raised to 8-th power to obtain the value of the I-th component,” as in claim 34.

e. “An integrated circuit for use in a decoding apparatus which decodes a coded quantization matrix, said integrated circuit comprising in combinations with: an operation unit operable to: decode a coded stream into a difference value ranging from -128 to +127; add together a value of an (I-1)th component in the quantization matrix, the difference value, and 256; and calculate a remainder by dividing a result of said adding by 2 raised to 8-th power to obtain the value of an I-th component which is an integer equal to or smaller than 255,” as in claim 35.

f. " A non-transitory computer readable recording medium² for storing program, which is used in a computer, for decoding a moving picture, said program causing a computer to execute steps for decoding a coded quantization matrix, wherein said steps include in combinations with:
decoding a coded stream into a difference value ranging from -128 to +127;
adding together a value of an (I-1)th component in the quantization matrix, the difference value, and 256; and calculating a remainder by dividing a result of said adding by 2 raised to 8-th power
to obtain the value of an I-th component which is an integer equal to or smaller than 255" as in claim 36.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tesfaldet Bocure whose telephone number is (571) 272-

² The non-transitory computer readable recording medium has been disclosed (see applicant amendment received on 10/20/10) as IC Card and ROM. The same disclosure is also found in the original specification in paragraph [00125] that the medium been as CD-ROM

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3015. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur (8:00a-5:30p) & Mon.-Fri (8:00a-5:30p).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammed H. Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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